ABSTRACT

A metal compound represented by general formula (I):

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$$M = \left(-0 - \frac{R^1}{C} - A - N \right)_{R^4}$$
(I)

wherein R¹, R², R³, and R⁴ each represent an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; A represents an alkanediyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms; M represents a lead atom, a titanium atom or a zirconium atom; n represents 2 when M is a lead atom or 4 when M is a titanium or zirconium atom. The metal compound has a low melting point and is therefore deliverable in a liquid state, has a high vapor pressure and is therefore easy to vaporize, and, when mixed with other metal compound, undergoes no denaturation due to a chemical reaction. The metal compound is suitable as a material of thin film formation processes involving vaporization of a metal compound, such as CVD.